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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20857-0003

Re: Docket # 98N-1265

Dear Sirs:

I am sending this letter to you regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which the FDA published on January 21, 1999. I am extremely concern and great disapprove of the MOU in its current form.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients from obtaining healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the publics medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounding medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended!!

I am a Board Certified General Vascular Surgeon and I within the last five years, I have expanded my practice to include alternative or integrative medicine. Through personal experience, I have found that the conventional treatments do not always work. I have been using and prescribing natural compounded pharmaceuticals and have found them extremely beneficial. PLEASE do not let the MOU pass as written! Some of my patients need to have access to compounding pharmacies out of our area.

Sincerely,



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